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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Environment Protection
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the activities undertaken by the States for protection of the environment and afforestation efforts, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan;

(b) the funds sanctioned and utilised in this regard, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received requests from various States to share the 50 per cent of the expenditure incurred on implementation of these projects by the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) is sponsoring three major Schemes for protection of environment and afforestation i.e. National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme, National Mission for a Green India (GIM) and Intensification of Forest Management Scheme (IFMS) for implementation by the States including the State of Rajasthan. While NAP is being implemented for afforestation of degraded forest lands, GIM aims at improving the quality of forest/increase in forest cover besides cross sectoral activities on landscape basis and the IFMS supports the forest protection, development and conservation related activities. Presently, 60% of the project cost under these schemes is borne by the Central Government except the North Eastern and three hilly States of H.P., J&K and Uttarakhand where the Central share is 90%. The State-wise details of funds released and utilized under these schemes during the last three years are given in the Annexure.

Besides, afforestation and environmental protection is also taken up by the States through their various State Plan and Non-plan schemes including Rajasthan where emphasis, interalia, is also on Sand Dune Stabilization, Silvi-Pastural works etc.

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